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A copy of each of the listed documents is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Office consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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